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## VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire Chief Clerk & Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100 Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: South Carolina Electric & Gas Company Request for Approval of a Contract for Electric Service with Charter NEX Films, Incorporated and Request for Confidential Treatment

Docket No: 2018-208-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

By this letter, the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") hereby notifies the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") that ORS has reviewed and has no objection to the filing submitted by South Carolina Electric & Gas Company ("SCE&G" or "the Company") requesting approval of the Contract for Electric Service ("Contract") with Charter NEX Films, Incorporated ("Charter").

Charter, North America's leading independent producer of high-performance specialty films used in flexible packaging and other critical performance applications, is locating new manufacturing operations in Richland County. This long-term commitment includes an investment of approximately \$85 million with 110 new jobs expected to be created.

SCE&G will provide electric service to the facility in accordance with the Company's Rate 23 – Industrial Power Service along with an Economic Development Incentive Credit ("Credit"). The Contract has an initial term of twelve (12) years, unless SCE&G and Charter agree to an early termination, and is extended automatically until terminated by either party.

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SCE&G has stated that the provisions of the Contract regarding the Credit are commercially sensitive and proprietary in nature. Due to this, and the highly competitive nature of the industry that Charter operates, the Company has requested confidential treatment of the Contract in accordance with Commission Order No. 2005-226.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me

Sincerely,

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